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## A BRIGHT FUTURE

### This District Will See Good Times in the New Year

In beginning the new year and new century the people of North East Kootenay are beginning a new era, and that of prosperity. On every side we can realize this as a fact, from one end of this big District to the other. The past year has been somewhat slower in the way of progress than was anticipated, but nevertheless there are good reasons for this apparant slowness.

It must be borne in mind that up until the 7th of June our political situation was in a condition of chaos, and the experimental politician had crippled our various industries until it is a wonder that we, as a Province, are in as good a standing today as we are.

Politically, we are now on a firm footing and the present Provincial Government is looked upon as a body of men who are endeavoring, so far as possible, to better our condition in every way. Further, we of this district have in Mr. Wells a representative who has commanded not only the respect, but the highest esteem of his Victoria colleagues, and the positions alone to which he has attained, must give to the world at large an impression that the district which he represents is an important one, and one in which much may be expected.

For political reasons—the miners' strike in West Kootenay—in 1899 many [illegible] work in this valley, were obliged to return to work in the mines that they might make another grub-stake; and no doubt they will return next spring to look after their property here.

For other reasons the mining property which was looked upon as the most promising, stopped work—the Red Line; but today it is working, at least the Iron Cap, one of the group, and since fall 200 feet of tunnel has been run and another 200 is being pushed as fast as possible.

Then as the most important mine comes the Paradise on which we reported last week a strike of five feet of solid ore, which is being taken out and brought down the hill as fast as possible.

Next the World's Fair and Phoenix, Horse Thief creek, are working away on a 200-foot cross cut tunnel.

The Silver Belt group has just made a strike of two feet of solid ore and work is progressing favorably, while adjoining it a contract is let on the Silver Crown.

And so our mineral wealth is being developed which must attract attention and bring to us a new life with the beginning of the century, to say nothing of the hundreds of other properties which have good showings and upon which no small amount of work has been done during 1900.

Another reason to believe that 1901 will be a prosperous year is the interest that is being taken in our agricultural resources of which the present indications are that double the number of men engaged in it last summer will next summer be found at work.

Then our different townsite owners are waking up and preparing to expend large sums of money in building up their towns, and a revival may be expected in this direction.

We learn that at Golden both quartz and placer mining is attracting more attention and new capital is assured for the working of the many new finds.

There is a very favorable impression abroad, both in this district and throughout the Province, that the chances of a railway being built next spring from Fort Steel down the Columbia Valley are exceedingly favorable.

Considering the above and many other reasons that might be advanced we ask: Is there another new camp in the Province of British Columbia that has a more favorable outlook. We think not.

When we consider the vast amount of development work accomplished in 1900 we feel confident that the future of this district is already established as a wealth producer.

Further, The Outcrop will venture to say that in the next twelve months the whole tenor of this district will change and that this will be a "mining camp" in the fullest sense.

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## North Star

Mr. Frank Robbins, manager of the North Star mine, situated 20 miles north of Cranbrook along the Kimberly branch in the St. Mary's River district, is greatly pleased at the way the property is showing up and speaks in the highest terms of that district. In speaking in a general way of that section, he said that it was comparatively unknown and had not received a great deal of attention and yet there were in it three of the greatest producing properties east of Rossland, namely the Sullivan, North Star, and St. Eugene mines. From these three nearly 6,000 tons per month are being shipped. The North Star is a great property and at present more development is being carried on than mining work proper. About 85 miners are engaged in the workings. The ore taken from the mine is a clean galena with no concentrating ore. The ore is delivered to the railroad by a tramway with the capacity of 10 tons per hour. The property is also supplied with a hoist, air compressor and good machinery for its development. The shipments are about 2,000 tons per month. With only development work being carried on, and the greater portion of it being done during the last year, the property has now declared its third dividend which will be paid today. The amount is three cents per share, while a considerable amount of capital is being placed in the treasury for the opening up of the mine on a much larger basis. In the workings a large amount of ore is already in sight, which goes to show that the payment of a dividend will be continued for a long time to come.

## Local Outcrops

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Mr. Geo. Willard is the new assistant in Jos. Lake & Co.'s store at Athalmer.

Hugh G. Gordon left for Golden yesterday. He will return home Monday.

Mr. Wm. Harrison and family of Windermere moved to Canterbury yesterday.

Efforts are being made to form a school of Athalmer and Canterbury children.

The rooster shoot at Peterboro Monday was not as largely attended as was anticipated, but a good deal of sport was enjoyed.

[illegible] Gallop caught three large ling last Saturday night and presented the Outcrop with one of them. It made fine munching.

Rev. John G. Duncan will preach every Sunday at 11 a.m. in Windermere, at 3 p.m. in Athalmer and at 7:30 p.m. at Peterboro.

New Years will be here next week and we request our friends not to send us any more roosters. We have more now than we know what to do with.

Big preparations are being made for the ball to be held in the Athalmer hall New Year's Eve. There will be people present from all over the district.

Dan. Kimpton came down from the Paradise mine to spend the holiday season. He says that the new strike is a big one and the ledge is continuing to hold its full five feet.

It has been decided that the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Fort Steele is to be closed before the new year until further notice. The business in future will be done at the Cranbrook branch.

C. W. Field, the Golden Druggist, is sending broadcast throughout the valley a very neat celluloid match-holder as an advertising medium, upon which are lithographed his address and the various lines of goods he carries in connection with his drug store.

Tom House, Julius Colemorgan and Ed. Howe came down from the Phoenix and World's Fair on Tuesday to spend the holiday season. It took them three days to walk down on account of the soft snow. This is the first time Tom Howe has been down in seven months.

On Friday the 21st of December Mr. John Lambert ploughed three quarters of an acre of ground on his ranch. This speaks well for the climate of the Columbia Valley. Truly this is an agricultural region of magnificent promise, and in a very short time will be filled up with first-class farmers from the far east.

## WINDERMERE SANTA CLAUS

### Delights the Little Ones With Many Presents.

For some two months past the children of the Windermere Public School were making preparations for the Christmas Tree Entertainment which came off on Monday evening.

The entertainment commenced shortly after 7 o'clock in the Presbyterian church which was taxed to its utmost capacity to hold the big audience.

The church gaily and profusely decorated with bunting and entwined with evergreens was very attractive indeed, but to the right of the platform was the Christmas tree loaded with beautiful presents from floor to ceiling. But if the tree made the children happy, the adults were equally so, for how could they be otherwise with so many healthy, bright and happy faces around.

Mr. E. A. St. Geo. Smythe took his place as chairman and in a few brief sentences expressed his pleasure of having so good a program to present to the audience as the following:

Song........While Shepherds Watched

Recitation..............The Reason Why
Daisy Tegart

Recitation..............................
Chloe Cameron

Dialogue..................Fannie's Secret
Pearl Tegart, Gladys Pitts, Greta Pitts

Recitation..................The New Baby
Willie Harrison

Recitation.....If We Didn't Have to Eat
Marian Morgeau

Recitation..........................An Awful Fly
Greta Pitts

Song..........................The Maple Leaf

Recitation..........She Never Was a Boy
Vaughan Kimpton

Recitation............Small Boy's Speech
Stirling Granger

Recitation.................The Lightning
Rosy Morgeau

Dialogue..................Little Helpers
Daisie Tegart, Greta Pitts, Gladys Pitts, Edward Harrison, Brett Granger, Pearl Tegart

Recitation..............Grandmothers
Dannie Cameron

Recitation.......................Addition
Edward Harrison

Recitation...........My Brother Jack
Pearl Tegart

Dialogue....................The Sick Doll
Daisy Tegart, Vaughan Kimpton, Gladys Pitts

Recitation...............................
Willie Taynton

Recitation.....I Wish I was a Grown Up
Clifford Harrison

Recitation..................Mamma's Help
Louise Morgeau

Song........................Broom Chorus
Greta Pitts, Pearl Tegart, Gladys Pitts, Rosy Morgeau, Louise Morgeau

Recitation..........Santa Claus Coming
Edward Morgeau.

As will be seen the program was a good one and each child acted their part in a very proficient manner. Space will not permit us to give any description of the different dialogues, recitations songs, etc. but they were all good and appropriate for the occasion. There was the little 4-year-old boy and girl with their little speeches and those who had attained their teens with their dialogues and recitations.

The program being dispersed with, bells were heard coming in the distance and it was worth a month's hard prospecting to watch the faces of the little ones as they watched in eagerness for the coming of Santa Claus. Nearer, yet nearer, sounded the sleigh bells and finally the curtain to the side parted and Santa appeared in his typical costume, but as one small boy said he guessed Santa had got some red paint on his whiskers. With much courtesying and merriment Santa made a short speech and read a suitable poem, but the little ones could scarcely wait its conclusion so excited were they.

Presents there were galore and every child left the church satisfied that the Christmas tree and Santa were all that they expected. Not only were there presents for Windermere children but Athalmer and Canterbury children received their share.

To Miss Hart, teacher of the Windermere Public School, is all the credit due for the training of the children and she may well be proud of the way her pupils reflected the untiring efforts which it was evident she had taken. Mrs. R. A. Kimpton also deserves much credit for the success of the entertainment as she made the collection of the money necessary to purchase so many handsome presents.

The entertainment over a goodly number made their way to the Windermere House where dancing was indulged in until 3 a.m. The good music as supplied by Prof. W. Harrison was all that could be asked and floor manager R. A. Power won for himself a reputation which insures his steady employment in the future. The luncheon supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart was an evidence of their usual hospitality.

## Wedding Bells.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock two of Windermere's most popular young people were united in bonds of holy matrimony, namely, Mr. Thomas Martin and Miss Lottie Larsh, by E. J. Scovil, S. M., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Washburn, Peterboro. The wedding was a very quiet one and only a few intimate friends were present. Miss Larsh has gained for herself many warm friends since her arrivel in Windermere a few months ago. Mr. Martin has been a resident of this district since 1894 and is well and favorably known. The happy couple have gone to Fairmont Springs to spend their honeymoon, and upon their return will reside on Wm. Chamberlain's ranch, east of Windermere.

We join with the many friends of Mr and Mrs. Martin in wishing them much happiness and long life, and will put you down for a free subscription to the Outcrop for one year, Tom.

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Paddy Stratford has gone to work in the [illegible] mines. He will [illegible] next spring.

Large numbers of ling have been caught through the ice of late and not a few char. Both are good eating.

Skating has been excellent on Windermere Lake the past week, and large numbers of people have taken advantage of the healthful exercise.

Jos. Lake left last Thursday for Golden where he will endeavor to hurry through a considerable amount of freight to his Athalmer store, and incidentally spend Christmas with his family.

The Outcrop job department is replete in every particular and turns out first class work. Send along your letterheads billheads, envelops, business cards, etc. and we will give you good work at reasonable prices.

H. A. Blackburn is now said to be the new editor of the Kaslo Kootenaian vice Harold Sands. Thus the printers rise. Stay with it "Blackie", we wish you success.

With this the last issue in 1900 The Outcrop wishes all our readers a very Happy New Year and continuous prosperity throughout the New Century.

The Rossland Evening Record, published by William K. Esling, has ceased publication. It was established in 1895, and was the oldest daily paper in Kootenay. The suspension is due to the stand the paper took during the labor troubles of last spring. This resulted in a boycott, from which the Record never recovered.

The Sandon Paystreak having purchased a new press is enabled to turn out a full fledged newsy sheet. Bro. Macadams has for a long time worked hard for the benifit of the dear people of Sandon and had the citizens recognized the benefits derived his paystreak would have widened ere now. Billy is a good writer and turns out about the only clean comic sheet in B.C.

## The Blackguard

### A Trail Blazer Story of Life in This Valley.

CHAPTER VII.

Just behind the Burrows' cabin the ground fell away with startling abruptness. There were just two or three juniper bushes and a patch of dirty snow, then the rough edge—then space. One looked down almost terrified into a blue mist; and full three thousand feet below were the tops of big pine trees in another climate—almost in another world.

All along the westward sky glimmered the awakening summits of the Selkirks; eastwards, across the Kootenay trench, the Rocky Mountains hung like a belt of azure mist against the sunrise; but La Mancha, sitting on the verge of that huge precipice behind the cabins, took no thought of the day or of the morrow. A little wreath of smoke rose straight up from his pipe into the thin air, and the awful magnificence of the Alps had no existence for him while he thought of a woman. Her face was before him in a dream—the face of a maid, bright with impudence, a wholesome nut-brown maiden innocent. Her innocence made the Blackguard want to perfect her; the frank brown eyes made him desirous of study, that in their depths he might see what it was to be good. The Blackguard had tasted all the joys of life, save this one thing—purity. The aftertaste of pleasure was sour upon his lips, but happiness seemed yet ever so far away. "If I were only good," he said to his pipe, "but I'm not; wherefore she would find me out, then hate me." So he sat at the edge of the cliff, perched like a fly on a wall, until presently there came another fly stealing softly behind; a female fly this, full as her little body could hold of wonton mischief, to wit, the Burrows girl, who clapped her dainty hands over both La Mancha's eyes.

"You must be Love," laughed the Blackguard, "blinding a chap like that. What nice soft fingers—Um! Get away, you minx, or I'll kiss you."

"Ugh!" said the minx, suddenly releasing him.

"Now sit down here, Impudence, and tell me who taught you your manners."

"I couldn't help it," she said in justification. "My Uncle is talking that poor boy to death in the cabin. Oh! so grave, so solemn; I wanted to scream; I got desperate! So I came out."

"Sit down, Impudence."

Impudence sat down a yard off, blushing hotly, her childlike face full of reproach that she had been led astray from last night's fine ideals. So this was the way she was playing the part of a grown woman. Pretty chance there was if she behaved as a schoolgirl of being Una with a growly lion in tow!

"Miss Burrows," said the Blackguard, "ain't you ashamed of yourself? You've interrupted the most serious thoughts, you've rumpled my hair, you've put out my pipe, you've damaged my complexion. Nice sort of girl you are."

She looked at his wicked bronzed face—his complexion, indeed! Then she laughed, not knowing that every note of her happiness went through the man like an arrow.

"Do you know, young lady, that I'm dangerous, that I'm a bad lot, that your mother, if you have one, would be afraid to see you sitting near me, eh?"

"You needn't be conceited about it, anyway."

It was evidently no use trying to warn her—she did not believe in evil, this sweet maid, but trusted herself in his bad company—ay, and trusted him.

Clever women had played with him—and played with fire, but the wise ladies had been badly burned. Her defenceless littleness was not like their strong towers. They incited to attack, she to defence. "Little woman," he said, "it's time for me to be going."

"Oh, but the sun's only just up, and I must make amends for my Uncle's manners. I am going to make him apologize to you—I am indeed. He shall go down on his bended knees you must say for dinner."

"But if I am not back in camp by noon I shall be put under arrest, then awful things will happen."

"What kind of things?"

"They'll clip my ears like a dog, they'll chain me up, and give me bones to gnaw. It isn't as if I had a good character. A man with a good character can get drunk whenever he likes, smash things, punch people's heads, have a good time; but me—I'm the Blackguard, so if I look crossways at the Colonel's sent it's mutiny."

"Ha, ha!—how I'd like to see you gnawing bones."

"I'll kiss you unless you're civil."

"You daren't!"

"Eh?" The Blackguard sprang up as she fled like the wind before him along the edge of the cliff; but then she turned, laughing over her shoulder—the little flirt, at which he drew himself up, saluting as though she were the Queen. "I forgot," said the Blackguard regretfully.

"What?" asked the girl in fearless innocence.

"Why that my horse is whinnying for me. He just loves to be saddled up and ridden all day. Come, make friends with him while I saddle him."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## PETERBORO XMAS. TREE

### Grand Success in Every Way

On Wednesday evening of last week the Christmas tree and entertainment was held in Peterboro, the town hall being packed to the doors with children and their friends. The tree was got up for the children of Peterboro and vicinity. Miss Macdonald, the young lady who presides over the public school of this thriving new town, is to be highly commended for the ability displayed in training the children in their various recitations, dialogues and songs rendered so well and pleasing and to her and the ladies of Peterboro are due much credit for the many and costly presents with which the tree was adorned.

At the door each person was presented with a large parcel of candies and nuts. On either side the walls were neatly decorated with evergreens and bunting, while over the curtain was neatly formed with evergreens the word "Welcome," but to the right of the platform was the object upon which all present bestowed most attention and upon which the children cast longing eyes—the Christmas tree, literally loaded down.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the curtain rose and Capt. F. P. Armstrong took his place as chairman, and in a short and appropriate speech made special mention of the tree as being in the [illegible] of useful and costly presents the [illegible] had ever seen, after which he [illegible] the following program:

Recitation........................[illegible]
Miss Minnie Bennett.

Chorus.....................The Cobbler

Recitation...........Christmas Greeting
Master Simon Quinlivan.

Song..........Come to the Mountains
Miss Rhena Colton.

Recitation...Masters Alfred and Gilman Larrabee and Frank Quinlivan.

Song.......Don't Fly Your Kite to High
Jay Wells.

Recitation................Naming Baby
Celestia Bennett.

Song................................My Kitty
Rhena, Hazel and Mildred Colton.

Recitation..............Jes' 'Afore Xmas.
Charlie Quinlivan.

Dialogue..............The Little Mothers.
Rhena and Hazel Colton and Jay Wells

Recitation......................Mary's Lamb
Mildred Colton.

Chorus..................Frog Courtship

Solo........................The Maple Leaf
Celestia Bennett.

Duett..........Soldiers of the Queen
Rhena Colton and Jay Wells.

Master Jay Wells on behalf of the children presented Miss Macdonald with an address and a belt as a token of their esteem and good-will, which she acknowledged very appropriately and briefly.

To particularize any of the above excellent program would scarce be justifiable for each boy and girl seemed well adapted to the parts they took.

The program ended the chairman stated that Santa Claus had not reached Peterboro yet and called upon Rev. J. G. Duncan for a speech, who spoke for but a short time and was listened to with interest. No sooner had he concluded than old Santa came Galloping in and stated that the trail over the Horse Thief divide was in poor condition which had kept him late. Then with smiles and many kind words he unloaded his pack and the Christmas tree, every boy and girl receiving substantial presents. Some of the big boys with whiskers, received handsome presents such as minature overalls, kilted skirts, tin horns, mouth organs, jack-in-the-box, etc., etc.

Next sandwiches, cakes, coffee, etc., were passed around, which were of the "home-made" brand, that touches a western man's heart before it goes to his teeth and does more to make all feel they are welcomed by the ladies.

This brought the most successful entertainment ever held in Peterboro to a close, and the older people en mass adjourned to the building across the street where dancing was enjoyed until the early morn.

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With this the last issue in 1900 THE OUTCROP wishes all our readers a very Happy New Year and continuous prosperity throughout the New Century.

## THE MINT.

In the palmy days of the Cariboo Goldfields, which the old Forty-niner still dreams about, and which are so rich in the reminiscences that the old digger is rejuvinated when he can have his yarn with one, going back to those days when the yellow metal was only valued for the amount of fun he could knock out of it. Gold was then as plentiful in the Cariboo as it now is in the Klondike.

New Westminster was at that time the Capital of the Colony, the sappers and miners which were stationed there made the trunk roads of the mainland and did all the surveying.

A mint was also established there, which ended its career after the excitement was over. To-day conditions are different; a mint, in a country which produces precious metals to the extent this country does, is just as necessary as elevators to a wheat producing district. British Columbia is a big metal producer, and the Pacific portion of the Dominion output of gold for last year was something over $20,000,000; nearly all of which found its way to the United States, where the market is, as like wheat or anything else, it goes to the best exchange.

The establishment of a mint is imperative, and the only way by which the producer can be protected is through an institution of this kind. The gold buying mediums, outside of a Government mint, have been making a big profit out of the miner up till now. In the future the State must protect him.

The English mint is a State institution and charges no seigniorage for coining gold, and, though supposed to coin exclusively for the Bank of England, any person can have his gold bullion coined into an equal weight in sovereigns. The Bank of England is compelled to purchase all gold tendered to it, at the fixed price of £3 17s. 9d. an ounce.

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## Sinc Ore.

As there is known to exist some zinc in different claims located in this district the appended article compiled by T. R. Hardman in the B. C. Mining Exchange will be read with interest:

Zinc [specific gravity 6.8 to 7.2] is found in association with several other metallic elements, notably and more commonly in combination with the sulphide of lead. The galena throughout the silver camps of British Columbia carries it in larger or smaller quantities. The Manchester Reduction Works have shipped large quantities from the Kootenay to their works in England, they agreed to purchase all the zinc contained in these ores, and also to return the values of other metals which may be extracted by them.

In some of the pyritic ores of the coast zinc blende is also associated, t on, whether in sufficient quantity to yield a paying commercial percentage is not at present known, through lack of development in connection with these ore bodies. Certain it is, that when once these deposits are opened up, possibilities point in the direction of British Columbia being a large zinc producer, and this metal ranking as one of the most important in the Arts, should be an incentive to the prosecution of work on such properties as its ores are known to exist. When will the Government, Dominion and Provincial, become alive to the fact that they have to identify themselves with the development of our mineral lands, which are so important and necessary to our existance and our progress? The economy of this question is so obvious that to dilate further on the matter is simply waste of time. Surely we have such preeminently good examples, which are proved by magnificent results, both in New Zealand and Australia, that we can take a leaf out of their book with advantage. The Government of both these countries have long since adopted a State policy of development, which has made these people per capita, the most wealthy in the world. Our advantages, natural and otherwise, are not one whit inferior to theirs, and yet we are laggards in the race, because the policy of the Government is like—Jeremiah Figs.

To return to zinc, as a matter also of facts Spanierne, zinc sulphide, from the Greek, which means deceiving, since it is a very difficult matter to recognize, occuring as it frequently does with, so often taken for lead ore; the miners names being various, viz.: "black jack," "false lead," and "falce galena." It is commonly known, however, as zinc blende, found mostly in masses of indistinct crystals, having smooth surfaces of cleavage of dodecahedral form. Hardness, 3.5 to 4; specific gravity, about 4. When pure sulphide of zinc is white, in the form of powder, or nearly colorless in small cleavage pieces, showing an adamantine lustre. When associated with iron, which is common, the crystals are yellow, or take the various shades of brown to black. The lighter kinds have sometimes a greenish tinge. Lustre resinous, which enables one to identify all the common kinds; streak, white, pale yellow, or brownish, which becomes deeper the darker the color of the mass. Manganese and cadmium may also be found in association. Zinc blende is among the commonest of metallic compounds and is found generally in galena [illegible]ite.

[illegible] in the form of metal does not occur in Nature. Its physical properties place it somewhat near the imperfect metal antimony. In the Arts it fills a most important place. Sheet iron is protected from rusting by being coated with zinc, which is termed galvanizing, and in this respect its usefulness can hardly be overestimated. Zinc is also the negative metal used in almost all forms of the chemical electric battery, the metal, in fact, at the expense of which the electric current is obtained, zinc plates are used for etching illustrations by the photo-engraving process. Zinc white [oxide] is used as a paint, with copper it makes brass, and is also used in the production of German silver. Metallic zinc which comes from the furnace in ingots is termed Spelter.

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Witness: JOHN T. MOORE,
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Dated at Peterborough, B.C.,
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A COMPANY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Silver Belt Mining Company, Limited," "Non-Personal Liability," has this day been incorporated under the "Companies' Act, 1897," as a Limited Company, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one million shares of ten cents (10cts) each.

The Company is specially limited under section 56 of the said Act.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of October, one thousand nine hundred.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The following are the objects for which the Company has been incorporated:—

(a) To acquire, work, manage, develop and sell mines, mineral claims and mining properties, and particularly the following mineral claims situate, at the head of Spring Creek, in the Windermere Mining Division of British Columbia, namely, the "Silver Belt," "Carbonate," "Silver Belt Fraction" and the "Golden Rod":

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(k) No sale of any of the mines or mineral claims of the Company shall be made unless and until seventy-five per centum at least of the shareholders shall assent thereto at a special meeting to be called for the purpose of considering such sale or disposal:

(l) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects:

(m) Nothing hereinbefore contained shall give this Company any greater powers than are given to a company incorporated as a company, having non-personal liability under the "Companies' Act, 1897," and all objects hereinbefore expressed are hereby restricted to acquire, managing, developing, working and selling mines, mineral claims and mining properties, and the mining, getting, refining, treating and marketing of mineral therefrom.

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